



# Calliope State School

13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



## What's happening in ...

### News from 4C

4C has been having a wonderful time so far this term. Everyone is enjoying learning about the elements of Arts and recreating masterpieces of their own.

We have been having lots of fun reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and learning about different language features. We have now taken these language features and applied them to our own chapters for *The Twits*.

We've also been participating in Literacy Circles this Term and we enjoy completing our Literacy Circle jobs. This reading program is for three days a week (30 minutes per day), and has students working in groups at similar reading levels. This means that every student works at the best level for them, and having smaller group sizes allows students and teachers to work with smaller groups.

Earlier this term we learnt about place value to 10 000's and arrays in Math, which lead the way for multiplication, addition, subtraction and division.

We've got so much going on at the moment, and so much more to look forward to; 4C are learning and achieving every day!



# Principal's Piece

Welcome to Week 8! Schools are a busy and productive place during every term. There is a balance of learning across academic, cultural and sporting endeavours every week. This week we have many additional activities happening both in the classrooms and outside of the classrooms. We have sports teams representing the school in Soccer and Rugby League, Robotics teams competing in a competition against other schools, an excursion to see local performers on stage, students leading activities to promote the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, a parent workshop focussing on reading and the Holt Bolt visiting the school for an after school activity on Thursday. Thank you to all the staff who take on various extra-curricular roles across the year to provide such a diverse range of experiences for our students and parents.

## Shrek the Musical

Today 200 students from Calliope School attended the performance of Shrek at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre. Congratulations to all the people involved with this wonderful production. It is a fantastic opportunity for local students to perform in front of their families and peers. Mr Kerr, our Music Teacher, is part of the orchestra and several past students are part of the awesome cast, including the roles of Shrek and Princess Fiona.

## Bullying - No Way!

School communities across the nation are uniting to Take a Stand Together against bullying and violence on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>. The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is featuring now on TV, radio, print and social media across Australia. The RotaKids will be holding activities in the hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of March focussing on anti-bullying messages. On Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018, Calliope State School students are able to wear an orange shirt in recognition of the day. It is not a general Free Dress Day. For more information, please visit the following website [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)



## School Photos

Our annual school photos will be taken next Monday 19 March and Tuesday 20 March at the school. Payment envelopes need to be given to the photographers on the day of the class photographs. A timetable is included in this newsletter. Students are asked to wear their full school uniform for the photos including the blue and yellow school shirt (not sports shirts), black shorts and black shoes. Hair accessories should be yellow, blue or black.

## What's Your Pick Up Plan?

As follow up to our recent Safe Schools Transport (SafeST) meeting, over the next few weeks we will be talking about knowing your 'Pick Up Plan'. This may include your child knowing who is collecting them from school, where the pick-up point is and knowing which car door to access at Stop, Drop and Go to ensure a safe entry in to the car. The plan may also include delaying pick up by 5-10 minutes to help with traffic congestion in the afternoon.

We have developed the following email address [SafeST@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:SafeST@calliopess.eq.edu.au)

and ask for your feedback and suggestions on practical ideas to assist with car parking and traffic control around our school.

## Parent Workshops

On Monday we held our final parent workshop for this term. The focus was on Reading, looking at ways you can help your child. Thank you to all our presenters this term, Mrs Keyworth, Miss Sinnamon, Ms Cameron and Mrs Kettle.

Next term we will have more parent sessions including a session on Spelling, Fine and Gross Motor Skills and a repeat session on Coding after school hours.



## HOLT BOLT

Don't forget to purchase your tickets online for the Holt Bolt to be held at Calliope School on Thursday 15 March. There are two sessions 3:30pm-4:30pm and 4:30pm-5:30pm. The 4:30pm session is open to high school students.

Regards



Raelene Norris  
Deputy Principal



## Attendance – Every day Counts

2018 School Attendance for Week 7						
Fri 05/03/18	Mon 06/03/18	Tues 07/03/18	Wed 08/03/18	Thurs 09/03/18		
92.4	92.6%	93.8%	94.9%	95.4%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 94.2%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92%	94%	94%	95%	94%	95%	94%

Last week we had 18 of our 27 classes at or above the school target of 94%. Congratulations to 5C who had an amazing attendance rate of 99% and were our weekly winners.

Every day counts ..... because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.



## !!DATES TO REMEMBER!!

12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parent Workshop – Reading

13<sup>th</sup> Mar – SHREK Musical

15<sup>th</sup> Mar – HOLT BOLT

26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Cross Country

29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Principal's Parade

30<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Holidays start

## UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Procedure for Student Absences

If your student is away for any reason there are several ways of notifying the school.

Send a note with your child

Phone on 07 4975 8366

Email-

absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

## CONTACT DETAILS

We would like to remind all parents if you have moved or changed your contact details to please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333 or emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The newsletter is published every Tuesday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

## Stars of the Week



<b>Prep A</b>	Tamika	<b>Prep B</b>	Elliot
<b>Prep C</b>	Lillee	<b>Prep D</b>	Harry
<b>1A</b>	Daisy	<b>1B</b>	Harley
<b>1C</b>	Tyler	<b>1D</b>	Kody
<b>2A</b>	Ronan	<b>2B</b>	Iggy
<b>2C</b>	Gian	<b>2D</b>	Chase
<b>2/3E</b>	Jaydyn	<b>3A</b>	Paige
<b>3B</b>	Taylor	<b>3C</b>	Cooper
<b>3D</b>	Gus	<b>4A</b>	Maddison
<b>4B</b>	Ashton	<b>4C</b>	Chantelle
<b>4D</b>	Ava	<b>5A</b>	Jordyn
<b>5B</b>	Benjamin	<b>5C</b>	Chelsea
<b>6A</b>	Regan	<b>6B</b>	Johnathon
<b>6C</b>	Skye	<b>HEALTH</b>	William
<b>PE</b>	Rhyan	<b>LIBRARY</b>	Lily

## Word of the Week

**Responsible** – accountable for an act performed and/or for its consequences

## ICAS Testing

Preparation for ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) testing has commenced. The P&C has agreed to sponsor the entry for students who received a Merit or above last year (in those particular tests). A letter with this offer has been sent out. For the first time we will have ICAS in Year 2 available. Students identified through testing last year were sent a letter (Year 2&3 students). If you don't receive a letter from the school and you believe your child would benefit from participation a note will be available in the office. ICAS has testing available in the following subjects: English, Spelling, Writing, Science, Math and Digital Technologies. Further information on ICAS can be found at <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about> . All payments for ICAS will be due **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.**

## Year 6 Fundraising

The Year 6's will be selling raffle tickets at the school gates for the next 2 weeks for a chance to win multiple Easter prizes. The raffle will be drawn on 29<sup>th</sup> of March at Principal's parade.

# PRAYER TIME WITH CHAPPY

**When:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 8:00– 8:30am

**Where:** Chappy Sonia's office



**OFFICE HOURS ARE  
8AM-4PM**

**EFTPOS is AVAILABLE in  
the office.**

## Student Absences

If your student is away for any reason there are several ways of notifying the school.

- **Send a note with your child**
- **Phone on 07 4975 8366**
- **Email:**  
[absences@calliopesse.q.edu.au](mailto:absences@calliopesse.q.edu.au)

## Chappy News

Chappy Craft will be held every Thursday at first break on the 2A & 2B verandah.

Questions to ask your child instead of "How was your day?"

- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- What is something that challenged you?
- How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
- Did you like your lunch?
- Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.

## Homework Club



# Homework Club

**WHAT:** Homework Club for our students. Staff will be able to provide support to students in Maths and English or with classroom homework tasks.

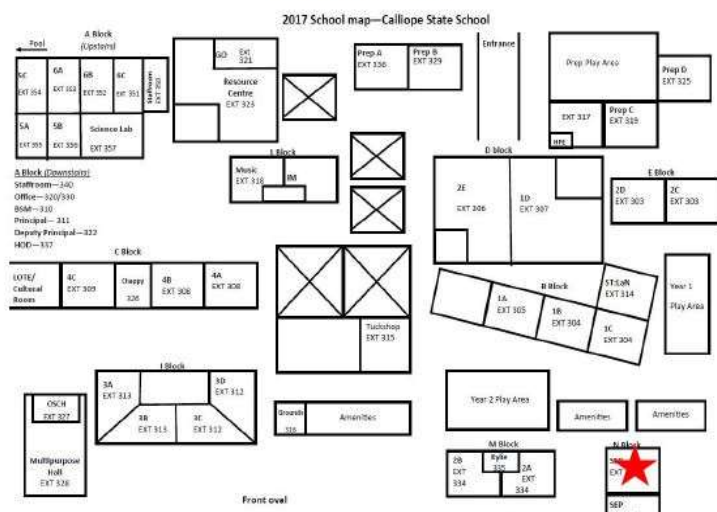
Afternoon tea is provided by the support from our P & C.

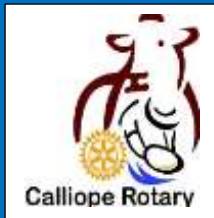
**WHEN:** Monday afternoon

**3:15pm until 4:00pm.**

**WHERE:** Student Support Room.

**Contact:** Kayleen Bishop ([kbish41@eq.edu.au](mailto:kbish41@eq.edu.au)) for register your child's interest.





## RotaKids

Last Thursday RotaKids organised lots of fun creative activities during lunch time for all students to participate in. There was marble painting, graffiti name banner, hands tree, paper aeroplanes, putty and cup chandeliers. Lots of fun was had by all.



**This Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> March) RotaKids** will have activities to support 'Bullying No Way'. There will be a hand banner, colouring in, karaoke and a song writing competition. All students are invited to attend Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> break in the hall.

This Friday (16<sup>th</sup> March) is Bullying No Way Day and students are invited to wear an orange shirt to school.

Bullying No Way is a government initiative and there is a website for kids. This has lots of great activities.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/forkids>

Calliope School explicitly teaches the strategy 'Talk, Walk, Squawk' for students to use.





### Feeling Unsafe or Unhappy about a Situation?



Use these 3 steps to make it clear and seek help if needed:

- 1. STOP**  Tell the person to stop and make this clear by raising your hand to them.
  
- 2. WALK AWAY**  If they continue, walk away without comment.
  
- 3. REPORT**  Tell an adult or someone you trust straight away.

*Working together we can ensure everyone is safe, comfortable and happy at our school.*

## Community News

### Calliope Pool Number

**07 4975 6606**

**0497 815 393**

**Attached:  
Holt Bolt Flyer**

## School Photos

**School photos will be taken on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March.** Personalised order envelopes have been sent home. Spare photo envelopes and sibling envelopes are available at the office. Photo money is to be brought to school on their photo day.

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	
Time	Class	Time	Class
9.15	Prep B	9.15	Prep A
9.30	Prep C	9.30	1B
9.45	Prep D	9.45	2B
10.00	1A	10.00	3B
10.15	3A	10.15	4D
10.30	2D	10.30	3C
10.45	Literacy	10.45	
11.00	Siblings	11.00	Siblings
11.45	1C	11.45	3D
12.00	1D	12.00	6C
12.15	4A	12.15	4C
12.30	4B		
12.45	5A		
1.00	5B		
1.15	Siblings		
1.45	5C		
2.00	2/3E		
2.15	2A		
2.30	2C		
2.45	6A		
3.00	6B		

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

**Keep smiling!!!**





## Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

RESPONSIBLE – I follow teacher instructions straight away.

The PBL focus for week eight is 'I follow teacher instructions straight away.' At school it is important to remember that learning time is precious, and one way we can fit as much learning time in as possible is by following teacher instructions straight away. Some examples of following teacher instructions straight away include:



- when you are asked to focus on your schoolwork;
- when you are asked to move to a certain area;
- when you are asked to keep hands and feet to self;
- and when you are redirected by a teacher.

Please take a minute to reinforce the importance of following teacher instructions straight away with your child, and remind them that they can receive stamps for respectful behaviour during class time and Cool Coins during break time.

### **PBL update**

The next **Fantastic Fun Friday** is on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the theme is Wet Play! Please remind your child/children about working towards filling their Stamp Chart through SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE behaviour in the classroom. We look forward to seeing them have lots of fun at the next Fantastic Fun Friday event.

Enjoy your week.

Brian Rowe  
Student Welfare Team





## Everyone has a right to feel safe

Ginny, aged 12 years, did not want to go to school. She felt sick in the stomach. Ginny's Dad thought she should go to school, but Dad did not know what had been happening. Crystal and her group had been spreading rumours about Ginny. Ginny had seen them looking at her and whispering to others when she walked past. Now no one wanted her to sit at the same table with them in class. Even if she tried to act friendly towards them, they were mean to her. One of them had written 'weirdo' on her school bag. Ginny's older sister said to ignore them, but that didn't seem to work. They just got meaner and tried harder to upset her. Ginny did not know what to do. She worried that if she told the teacher or her parents it would make things even worse.

## What is bullying?

Bullying involves deliberately and repeatedly attempting to hurt, scare or exclude someone. It can include hitting, pushing, name calling, or taking someone's belongings.

Bullying can also be more indirect, for example, deliberately leaving someone out of games, spreading rumours about them, or sending them nasty messages.

Cyber-bullying involves using mobile phones and the internet to bully others. The main purpose of the bullying is to have power over someone else.

Bullying is a mental health concern because it causes distress and can lead to loneliness, **anxiety** and **depression**. Bullying can also affect children's concentration and lower their achievement at school.

When children have been bullied they may:

- not want to go to school
- be unusually quiet or secretive
- not have friends
- seem over-sensitive or weepy
- have angry outbursts.

You may notice that their property has been damaged or is missing.

## Responding to bullying

It is very important to let children know that bullying is not okay and that they should report it when it does occur. Schools set standards for appropriate behaviour and safety. They also have guidelines for reporting and responding to bullying when it occurs. The consequences for bullying should address what has happened and help to ensure it will not happen again.

It is very important for the bully to understand how his or her behaviour has affected the other person and to be clear not to repeat that behaviour. To help prevent bullying, children can be taught how to be respectful and caring towards others. Children who bully may appear confident but often lack skills for **building positive friendships**.

Learning to be more assertive can help those who are bullied to stand up for themselves. Learning the skills of assertiveness can also help those who bully find ways to communicate their wants, needs and opinions without becoming aggressive. Both those who are bullied, and those who do the bullying, will benefit from learning effective **social and emotional skills**.

## How parents and carers can help

### *If your child is being bullied:*

- listen and provide support to your child
- try to understand what has been happening, how often and how long
- encourage social skills, like being assertive, telling the bully to stop and seeking help
- support your child to think through different ways they could deal with the problem
- talk with your child's teacher and ask for help
- keep talking with the school until your child feels safe.

### *If your child tells you about bullying he has seen or heard at school:*

- encourage your child to stand up for the child who is being bullied
- encourage your child to report what he/she has seen or heard to school staff

### *If your child is doing the bullying:*

- make sure your child knows the bullying behaviour is inappropriate and why
- try to understand the reasons why your child has behaved in this way and look for ways to address problems
- encourage perspective taking (eg "how would you feel if ...")
- help your child think of alternative paths of action.

### *To help prevent cyber-bullying:*

- supervise children's use of electronic devices
- teach children about ways of keeping safe when using the internet and mobile phones